Account (CPRA) Bharat Coal Ltd. (BCCL) showed a loss of Rs. 282.53 crores. After adjustment of CPRA and prior period adjustment BCCL showed a profit of Rs. 51.33 crores. The accounts for 1990-91 are yet to be finalised. The main reasons for losses in BCCL are predominance of high cost underground mines, difficult mining conditions, exhaustion of reserves and large work-force. In addition, frequent interruptions in power supply disrupt production.

Following steps are being taken for improving performance and reducing the losses of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

1. Rationalisation of manpower.
2. Redeployment of manpower.
3. Training for skill up liftmen.
4. Voluntary retirement scheme.
5. Improving productivity.
6. Increasing production of superior grades of coal, wherever available.
7. Intensive monitoring of identified mines.
8. Segregation of feeder lines and uninterrupted power supply.

An enquiry in these issues is not considered necessary.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Products in UP

2318. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the petroleum and natural gas related projects and schemes for Uttar Pradesh pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) the action taken so far in each case; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). There are three project proposals as under:-

(i) Setting up of Auraiya Gas Cracker,

(ii) Installation of a new Catalytic reformer unit of 500 TMTPA capacity at Mathura refinery; and

(iii) N-Paraffin project with a capacity of 1,40,000 MTPA in Mathura refinery.

All these proposals are at different stages of processing.

[*Translation*]

Contract Labourers of BSP

2319. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of regular works in the Bokaro Steel Plant which are being got done on contract basis;

(b) whether the contract labourers are being provided the wages and facilities earmarked under the Factory Act;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to